

MAR 18 2004

OFFICIAL

#12

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of )  
 )  
Dennis K. Branstad et al. )  
 )  
Application No. 09/621,059 )  
 )  
Filed: July 21, 2000 )  
 )  
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR )  
SELECTIVELY AUTHENTICATING DATA) )  
\_\_\_\_\_ )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AFFIDAVIT TRAVERSING GROUNDS OF REJECTION (37 C.F.R. section 1.132)****PURPOSE OF DECLARATION**

1. This declaration is to establish that the article, "Adaptive Cryptographically Synchronized Authentication (ACSA)," December 7, 1998 cited by the Examiner describes applicant's own work.
2. The person making this declaration is an inventor, David W. Carman.

**FACTS**

3. To establish that the aforementioned article describes applicant's own work, the following statement is submitted as evidence:

STATEMENT: I, David W. Carman, hereby state:

A) that any component of the claimed invention disclosed in the above patent application that appears in the article, "Adaptive Cryptographically Synchronized Authentication (ACSA)," cited by the Examiner was invented solely by the inventors of record; and not the remaining authors of the above article;

B) that applicants are the sole inventors and that the others who authored the above article were merely working under their direction and/or did not contribute subject matter present in the claims of the above patent application; and

C) that the article, "Adaptive Cryptographically Synchronized Authentication (ACSA)," cited by the Examiner describes applicant's own work.

From this statement, it is clear that the article, "Adaptive Cryptographically Synchronized Authentication (ACSA)," cited by the Examiner describes applicant's own work.

#### DECLARATION

4. As a person signing below:

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

#### SIGNATURE(S)

Inventor's signature: David W. Carman Date: 3/12/04  
David W. Carman

Country of Citizenship: USA

Residence: 14628 Mustang Rd, Glenwood, MD, 21728